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M E S S A G E

I would like to extend my congratulations to the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology for the publication of the Inmates Pre-reintegration Referral System Manual which is intended to be the basic reference material in the implementation of their project on *Justice Reforms: Sustained Pre-reintegration Referral Services*.

The Manual will eventually serve as an instrument in guiding the personnel of the Bureau in its endeavor to encourage, strengthen and sustain its commitment for the welfare of inmates on the aspect of reintegration to society, human rights and gender development. It is therefore with confidence to say that this Manual will be instrumental in the success of such notable undertaking by the BJMP.

Congratulations again for this worthy achievement.

God Bless and *Mabuhay!*


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MESSAGE

It is with distinct honor to welcome the publication of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology's (BJMP) Inmates Pre-reintegration Referral System Manual as its reference handbook in the implementation of *Justice Reforms: Sustained Pre-reintegration Referral Services*, a program geared in the preparation of the inmate to its reintegration to the society upon release from detention.

The circulation of this Manual will hopefully serve to guide the Bureau's workforce by enabling them to gain additional understanding and enhance their expertise in implementing such significant undertaking with the optimism that it would be instrumental in instilling competence, quality and proficiency.

Congratulations and my best personal wishes.

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Our warm Greetings of Peace!

We congratulate the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology for this pioneering program initiative on the Inmate's Pre-reintegration Referral System (IPRS) under the GOP-UNDP Fostering Democratic Governance Programme for 2005-2009.

Article 9 (3) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) states that, once imprisoned, all persons deprived of their liberty should be treated with humanity and with respect for the inherent dignity of the human person. The same article provides that "the reform and social re-adaptation of prisoners be an essential aim of imprisonment."

The IPRS is a viable measure that operationalizes the important role of the prisons as an institution of the integrated justice system in the country. We are happy to note that many government organizations as well as civil society organizations are working closely with the bureau for the provision of the much needed services of the prisoners from entry to jail, release from confinement and mainstreaming process under the IPRS.

From the Governance perspective, the IPRS is truly responsive to our desired outcome of achieving "more accountable and rule-based justice institutions for greater access by the poor to justice and human security." The system is one significant step towards transforming the prisons as a place for safe custody, rehabilitation and social reintegration of prisoners.

We hope that this will serve as a beginning for a continuing reform intervention for further improvement of the prison system in the country that provides consideration for disadvantaged groups, especially in the aspect of preparing them for integration back into society.

Rest assured your partners at NCPAG continue to be with you and support you in this very important endeavor which contributes to good governance.

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MESSAGE

The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) being the major correction agency in the Philippines, in its commitment to support and uphold the correction system adopting the United Nations Minimum Standards in the Treatment of Prisoners, have exerted effort in coming up with the publication of the Inmates Pre-reintegration Referral System Manual that would serve as guide to Bureau personnel by providing instructions and tips on the manner of the implementation of its program on *Justice Reforms: Sustained Pre-reintegration Referral Services*.

This Manual that have been painstakingly prepared by BJMP-National Capital Region's Inmate's Welfare and Development (IWD) personnel will provide in-depth information on sources, systems and standards preparatory to the eventual reintegration to society upon release of offenders. This publication will also be useful as a resource, reference, personal development guide and analytical tool for it also presents ideas and concepts for developing an effective reintegration system.

With the help of our implementing partners in this program – the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the University of the Philippines - National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG) and to all stakeholders, the success of this laudable undertaking is of certainty.

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FOREWORD



The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology had envisioned the “Rehabilitation of inmates” while they are in its custody. However it was found out that the idea seemed theoretical and its practicability and attainability were engulfed by absurdity due to the lack of financial support to complement true rehabilitation. A SMARTER version had cropped up changing “Rehabilitation” into a more attainable program called “Inmate’s Welfare and Development Program” for there is no real rehabilitation inside the jail. The idea is superb but the sustainability of the program left the Bureau a big question mark not until the intervention from the United Nations’ Development Programme on Fostering Democratic Governance that paves the way for its realization. As a consequence, a new system has emerged gearing on “helping inmates to help themselves” transform into law abiding and productive citizens through proper classification, evaluation and referral to concerned government agencies and NGOs/service providers having capability and commitment to provide sustained pre-reintegration referral services to inmates from entry to jail, release from confinement and mainstreaming process to society. This system is now being called as the BJMP Inmate’s Pre-reintegration Referral System (BJMP IPRS).

With SSUPT SERAFIN P BARRETTO, JR. as program coordinator who initiated and conceptualized this program; in partnership with the University of the Philippines National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG), this project (BJMP IPRS) which is being funded by the UNDP has now come into the implementation stage, hence, the formulation of this manual.

We wish to thank the people who were instrumental, in one way or another, to the making of this guidebook. To the inmates who serve as our inspiration, we hope that they may be benefited by the system and transform them with renewed heart as God-fearing, law abiding and productive citizens.

We likewise hope that this manual will enlighten the concerned BJMP IPRS Officers and service providers in the implementation of the program.

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